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SUBJECT:UGANDA SITN REPT NO.2 ASOF 1100 GMT FEB 26,1977
THE FOLLOWING IS THE SECOND SITUATION REPORT ON UGANDA
PREPARED BY THE UGANDA WORKING GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT.
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IT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

1. SINCE THE LAST SITUATION REPORT, WE HAVE RECEIVED
SEVERAL INDICATIONS THAT PRESIDENT AMIN VIEWS HIS CONVOCATION
OF ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA AS A FRIENDLY GET-
TOGETHER. RADIO UGANDA STATED EARLY FEBRUARY 26 THAT
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PRESIDENT AMIN WISHES TO REWARD SOME AMERICANS FOR THEIR
PAST SERVICES. AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN CITI-
ZENS, PRESIDENT AMIN WILL INTRODUCE A CULTURAL PRESENTATION
ORGANIZED FOR THE AMERICANS' BENEFIT. THE UGANDA CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON HAS NOTED THAT THIS TYPE OF GROUP
MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED IN THE PAST -- E.G., WITH BRITISH,
KENYAN, AND UGANDAN CITIZENS.

2. ANOTHER RADIO UGANDA REPORT FEBRUARY 26 QUOTES AMIN AS STATED HE WILL NOT REPEAT HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, WHICH SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR. AMIN CRITICIZED THE FORMATION OF A UGANDA TASK FORCE IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, BUT WENT ON TO STATE THAT HE WAS READY TO MEET WITH IT (A REUTERS NEWS DISPATCH HAS INCORRECTLY INTERPRETED THIS LAST STATEMENT AS INDICATING AMIN'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE U.S. NAVAL TASK FORCE NOW IN THE INDIAN OCEAN).

3. THE WORKING GROUP'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A PRECISE ACCOUNT OF AMERICANS CURRENTLY IN UGANDA HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL DURING THE WEEKEND. THUS FAR, 21 OUT OF 41 ORGANIZATIONS WITH PERSONNEL IN UGANDA HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. PUBLIC REACTION TO THE SITUATION IN UGANDA HAS BEEN LIMITED BUT GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF NOT PERMITTING AMIN TO "GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING."

4. EMBASSY BONN HAS INFORMED US THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS REQUESTED A SUMMARY OF ALL USG ACTIONS PERTAINING TO UGANDA IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. THE GERMANS ARE SOMEWHAT NERVOUS THAT EFFORTS BY THEIR AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA WILL BE UNDERMINED BY USG STATEMENTS.

5. REVISED INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF TO THE U.S. NAVY TASK FORCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE SHIPS ARE NOW TO MOVE TO A POSITION 300

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NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE KENYAN COAST BY 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING (LOCAL TIME) AND 100 MILES FROM THE COAST BY 8:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING (LOCAL TIME).

6. EMBASSY KIGALI REPORTS THAT THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF RWANDA HAS LEARNED FROM EYEWITNESSES IN UGANDA THAT AN EXAMINATION OF ARCHBISHOP LUWUM'S BODY AT HIS BURIAL SHOWED THREE BULLET WOUNDS AND TWO CRUSHED LEGS.

7. OUR APPROACH TO OAU CHAIRMAN RAMGOOLAM ELICITED THE RESPONSE THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HE CARRIED ANY WEIGHT WITH PRESIDENT AMIN. HE SUGGESTED ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT MOBUTU, LIBYAN PRESIDENT QADDAFI, OR "THE NIGERIANS" AS HAVING MORE LEVERAGE WITH AMIN.

8. GERMAN AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE WESTERN PRESS, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, ENDEAVOR TO BE PRESENT AT MONDAY'S MEETING. REACTION FROM EMBASSY NAIROBI WAS THAT THE JOURNALISTS' SAFETY IN UGANDA CANNOT

BE ASSURED, AND THAT WE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ENCOURAGING
ANY AMERICANS, INCLUDING JOURNALISTS, TO TRAVEL TO UGANDA.

9. A REMINDER: KAMPALA TIME IS 8 HOURS AHEAD OF EASTERN
STANDARD TIME (EST # 8), AND 3 HOURS AHEAD OF GMT.
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